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No Need for Hasty Recognition, Development of
Objective Situation to be watched for a while,
Neither War Minister nor Premier fully
established in their views.

As to what attitude should be taken toward Manchoukuo,
which observed the ceremony of its founding on March 9, it
is a matter attracting careful attention equally both at
home and abroad. Premier INUGAI's recent talk regarding the
recognition problem has created a great percussion. On
March 9 War Minister ARAKI, who had made to Prince SAIONJI
a detailed explanation pertaining to the development of the
Manchurian Incident and its remedial measures, together with
the SHANGHAI Incident, immediately afterwards talked as
follows: ---

"I do not know at all what the Premier has told Prince
SAIONJI, but it is quite unpredictable how Manchoukuo, hav-
ing been only just given birth to, will develop in the
future. It is, therefore, still premature to adopt it as a
problem whether the country should be recognized as a state.
However, if she should come in the future to attain a proper
form of state, it will be a matter of course that she should

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be recognized without hesitation. Not until we have witnessed some further development the country may realize in the future, we can hastily judge. Relating to this point I have talked to Prince SAIONJI, but he has not given any particular opinion thereon".

As stated above, the War Minister considers that there is no need of the country being hastily recognized, but that recognition should be given when the country, in course of the development of the objective situation, may mature into a proper form of state both in name and reality. With respect to this point, no concrete deliberation has been conducted between the Premier and the War Minister and it is considered that the matter will remain a problem of great importance in the future from a political view-point also.

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昭和七年三月十日

承認を急ぐ要なし

暫く客觀的情勢の推移を見る

陸相首相見解熟せず

九日建國式を舉行した滿洲國に對して如何なる態度をとるべきかについては國內のみならず世界的にひとしく注視されてゐるところで最近犬養首相の承認問題に關する談話は非常なセンセーションをまき起してゐるが九日西園寺公に上海事件と共に滿洲事變の經過並に善後策を委曲説明した荒木陸相は辭去後次の如く語つた

首相が如何なる事を西園寺公に話されたかは全然關知してゐないが滿洲國は今漸く生れた許りて今後どう發展して行くかは未知數である故に現在の所これを一國家として承認するかどうかといふことはまだ問題になつてゐない、然し將來これが立派な國家形態を備へるやうになつてくれれば無論承認すべきで何等躊躇する必要はない唯今少し成りゆきを見てからでない

と輕々に論斷する事は出来ない。この點については西園寺公にも話して置いたが公は別に意見は述べられなかつた

以上の如く陸相としては早急に承認せねばならぬことはいが客觀的情勢の推移に従つてその國家形態が名實共に具備して來れば承認するといふのでこの點については首相陸相の間にまだ具體的熟議が遂げられて居らず將來政治的にも重大なる問題として残されるものと觀られて居る。